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## Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Park DuValle Community Odor Control Improvements in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), located at 700 W Liberty Street Louisville, Kentucky 40203. The funding would be used for repairs at 109 locations in the Park DuValle neighborhood that will prevent odor-causing hydrogen sulfide gases from escaping the sewers.

Odor control is just one way that MSD Strives to keep customers' concerns first and foremost, and help make our growing community an even better place to live. MSD's combined sewer system is comprised of 680 miles of pipes, some dating back to the time of the Civil War. In addition to conveying sewer flows, this system includes over 22,000 catch basins which collect and transport stormwater. In dry periods with little rain, the concentration of wastewater flows as well as catch basins drying out contribute to unpleasant odors. While MSD invests more than \$1 million annually in routine system flushing and cleaning, capital investment is necessary to install and rehabilitate catch basin traps where odors can be prevalent during summer months. MSD has prioritized five West Louisville neighborhoods where sewer odors are a nuisance in hot, dry conditions, which will be supported by this funding. The identified infrastructure projects and outreach will reduce disparities and improve ambient air quality for residents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress Date: April 23, 2021